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Air Traffic Congestion at Delhi Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether there is huge congestion of air traffic at Delhi Airport Terminals particularly in Terminal 1 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b): whether the Government has directed the Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL) to take immediate steps for decongesting the choked Terminal 1;

(c): if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(d): whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has also held meeting with airlines to finalize the summer schedule for flights and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e): whether the Government has also approved a revised master plan for Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) for bigger budget terminal, a new one and the fourth runway and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the fourth runway is likely to be constructed?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): There have been instances of congestion during the peak hours at Terminal 1 of the IGI Airport, New Delhi due to unprecedented traffic growth primarily led by domestic carriers during the last five years. ;

(b) & (c): In compliance with the provisions of Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA), Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) has reviewed and updated the Master Plan of IGI Airport, New Delhi in 2016 which envisages expansion of passenger handling capacity of Terminal 1. Meanwhile, DIAL has started work to re-commission Terminal -2 with a capacity of 12 million passenger per annum (mppa) for de-congesting the Terminal 1 and also to facilitate in managing the expansion work as per the Master Plan.

(d): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) finalizes the air operations schedule in consultation with the airline operators, airport operator, availability of slots and in accordance with the provisions of the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG). DGCA has recently published the Summer Schedule (effective from 26th March, 2017 to 28th October, 2017) in respect of each of the Airlines. Summer Schedule -2017 is available on the web portal of the DGCA. ;

(e): As stated in reply at (b) above, DIAL has updated the Master Plan of Delhi airport in consultation with the MoCA, AAI, sovereign agencies and other stakeholders with a view to increase the traffic handling capacity of the airport upto 109 mppa. The Master Plan envisages creation of additional capacity through landside, terminal side and airside improvements in phased manner spread over from 2017-18 to 2033-2034. Development works include expansion of Terminal 1, Terminal 3, development of new Terminal 4 and a new fourth runway etc.